

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Lesson ID: 51084-51084

Title: EMPLOYING MOUNTAIN LEADERS DURING THE PLANNING PHASE

Operation/Exercise Name: MWTC 3-97

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

Mountain Leaders did not actively participate in the planning and preparation phases prior to deploying to Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC).

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

During FY 96 three Lieutenants were trained as Winter Mountain Leaders. These Marines are suppose to provide advice and guidance to the battalion for cold weather operations. However, these Marines were occupied in other training events and operations and their expertise in cold weather operations was not utilized. Their knowledge could have prevented some of the unforeseen problems encountered during the deployment to MWTC.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

Winter Mountain Leaders can provide a wealth of knowledge and expertise in planning cold weather operations.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Assign a recently certified winter mountain leader to assist in planning future cold weather operations.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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